

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Michael G. NATHANS, et al. ART UNIT: 2164

SERIAL NO.: 09/924,971 EXAMINER:

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FOR: NATIONAL HOUSING CREDIT REPOSITORY PROTOCOL

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested.

IN THE TITLE

Please amend the title from

NATIONAL HOUSING CREDIT REPOSITORY PROTOCOL

to

NATIONAL HOUSING CREDIT REPOSITORY PROTOCOLS.

REMARKS

No new matter is introduced by this amendment and it is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered prior to initial examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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